

EVENING SOLACE.

The human heart has hidden treasures, In secret kept, in silence sealed;

Whose charms were broken if revealed, And days may pass in gay confusion,

And feelings, once as strong as passions, Float soft back—a faded dream;

And it can dwell on moonlight glimmer, On evening shade and loneliness;

Which shall it be? Which shall it be? I looked at John, John looked at me,

Which I found that I must speak, My voice seemed strangely low and weak,

A house and land while you shall live, If, in return, from out your seven,

"We'll choose among them as they lie Asleep," so, walking hand in hand,

We stopped beside the trundle bed, And one long ray of light was shed

Poor Dick! had Dick, our wayward son— Turbulent, restless, idle one—

Then stole we softly up above, And knelt by Mary, child of love;

Only one more, our eldest lad, Trustful and truthful, good and glad,

THE HUB. The parties having in charge the salvation of the old building of the Old South Church,

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ANOMALIES OF ENGLISH SPELLING.

HOW THE ALPHABET IS TORTURED TO GIVE OVER FORTY SOUNDS.

One of the principal difficulties in learning the English language is the inexplicable manner in which most of the words are spelled, the twenty-six letters of the alphabet tying with each other to represent the forty or forty-two sounds of the language in the most bungling and disorderly manner.

The Protean nature of the vowel sounds is familiar to all. A few amusing examples will show that the consonants are nearly as bad:

B makes a road broad, turns the ear to bear and Tom into a tomb.

M makes a man madder, a man madder, a man madder, a man madder.

T makes a bough bought, turns here there, alters one to tone, changes ether to tether, and transforms the phrase "allow his own" "to allow his town!"

Y turns fur to fury, a man to many, to toy, a rub to a ruby, ours to a lady—Moses Patterson.

A FEARFUL RISK FOR GIRLS. The pastor of a church in one of our cities said to me, not long ago: "I have officiated at forty weddings since I came here, and in every case, save one, I felt that the bride was running an awful risk."

THE NEW YORK HERALD has received a despatch from its African explorer and correspondent, Henry M. Stanley. He had reached the western coast of Africa, having had a fearful journey, enduring great privations, fighting his way through and losing a large number of his men.

PROFANITY.—We are emphatically in the age of profanity, and it seems to us that we are on the topmost current. One cannot go on the street anywhere without having his ears offended with the vilest words, and his reverence shocked by the most profane use of sacred names.

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THE SITUATION as the Philadelphia Times puts it: "Hayes started out to divide the Democratic party. He has got so far as to divide the Republicans."

"Say, Pat, suppose Satan was to come along now, and see both of us here, which do you suppose he would take, you or me?" "Oh! faith, yer honor, he'd take me."

Published Weekly—J. J. BURNETT, Ed. and Prop. T. K. BURNETT, Associate Ed.

Recent Pompeian Discoveries.

That comparatively so little of the treasures of the Pompeian is found is easily explained by the fact that the inhabitants had escaped, and thieves broke into the houses, especially between the earthquake and the eruption, and carried off all articles of value.

The spot on which excavations are actually carried on now is called the bathing establishment. It is an immense hall, and is still half full of pumice-stone; but in the very centre of the mass, after many feet of soil had been removed, there were found, last month, four human skeletons, one of a woman, and by them were the following precious objects, which they were evidently carrying off: In gold, two necklaces, consisting of 94 pieces, representing ivory leaves; two ear rings; a chain with an emerald. In silver, two case-roses, a large looking-glass, three vases, a ladle, six large spoons, two forms for making pastry, like scallop shells; all well preserved and highly decorated.

A writer in the Illustrated London News says: "Touching Turkish Pashas, I may hint that the few covers a multitude of nationalities, and that it is somewhat difficult to tell where the Osmanli ends and Gaiour begins. I have heard of a Pasha of Mecca who had been an English drummer-boy in the force with which Sir Ralph Abercrombie invaded Egypt; and most of us are familiar with the story of the Russian Admiral, who, on the part of the Russian Catherine, was dispatched to treat with a Turkish Pasha commanding one of the armies of the Sultan Mustafa III.

O. H. DOCKERY'S MODESTY.—This pretentious leader, who while in Washington tried to make the President believe that he represents North Carolina and when in the Tar Heel State tries to make the people believe he represents Hayes, has put his "coultter" in pretty deep. He has two sons, one Consul at Leeds, and the other mail agent on a North Carolina railroad.

Here is an extract from the Virginia Game Law: "Be it enacted by the General Assembly, That it shall not be lawful for any person to kill or capture, or offer for sale or buy, any partridges or quail, before the first day of February and the first day of November of each year, within this State; nor shall it be lawful to capture partridges at any time by means of nets or traps of any kind until after the expiration of two years from the passage of this act."

One Way to Get Rich.—Nothing is more easy than to grow rich. It is only to trust nobody—to befriend none—to get all your own, and save all you get—to stint yourself and everybody belonging to you—to be the friend of no man, and have no man for your friend—to heap interest upon interest cent upon cent—to be mean, miserably and despised for some twenty or thirty years—and riches will come as sure as disease and disappointment. And when pretty nearly enough wealth is collected, by a disregard of all the charities of the human heart, and at the expense of every enjoyment, death comes to finish the work—the body is buried in a hole, the heirs dance over it, and the spirit goes—where?—New York Commercial Advertiser.

The President of the Philadelphia Exhibition, which is now open on Sunday, states that as soon as it was decided to open the building to the people on that day, "an offer was made to a minister of the gospel to address such of the audience that would be there assembled as might desire to hear him." We do not learn that any minister of the gospel was willing to sanctify the show by prayer and preaching (although the offer was only for preaching), and we presume that no minister of any standing can be found to go into partnership with the managers in such a shallow farce as this, and become the stool pigeon to toll reluctant Sabbath-breakers to the Sunday show.—T.

A New Industry.—In France, a scientific gentleman has been just made public what seems to be a well-digested plan for converting the white or unedible stalks of asparagus into common brown paper, foolscap, and letter paper of the finer descriptions. Not merely theoretical is this scheme for utilizing a material for paper that has hitherto been wasted. There are actually in existence, in France, two new factories where paper is made from the white portion of asparagus stalks.

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